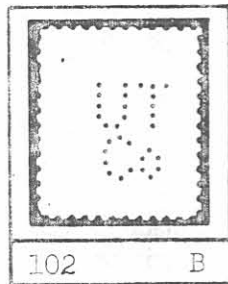


U102 - New Identification

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Illustrated is a post card with pattern U-102 that has not been identified in the 1979 edition of *The Catalog of United States Perfins*. Mailed to the Hurlock Bank, Hurlock, MD, the card positively identifies perfin pattern U102 by the Union Trust Company of Maryland, a Baltimore based bank.

What adds to this story is that, at a recent area bourse, a dealer had a huge box of covers. A friend

and I sat down and both of us went through its contents. We spent about an hour rummaging through what were mostly fairly recent covers, interspersed occasionally with some early material. as I came across this card, I spotted the perfin, turned it over, and remarked that it was a bank pattern, it was probably common. I kept it only because I could not remember having an on cover example. You can imagine my delight when I got home and looked it up in the catalog. Not only is it a B rated pattern, but it is an identifying cover as well. Digging through a mound of material sometimes has its rewards.